

# THE PACER

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### Daredevils will perform tonight

The Bud Light Daredevils slam-dunk team will perform during the first time out and halftime during the Pacers' game tonight against Eastern Illinois that begins at 7:30.

The Daredevils' show features trampoline dunks, flips, acrobatics and comedy antics.

### Music students hold concert

The UTM Symphonic Band and Jazz Band will be presented in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

### Scholarship honors Sparks

Art and Tammy Sparks of Union City have pledged to endow a \$50,000 Math scholarship fund at UTM in honor of parents Art and Nelle Sparks, former UTM Math professors.

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## Skyhawks, wolfpack considered for mascot after meeting Wednesday

BRIAN HOLLAND  
Executive Editor

The skyhawks or the wolfpack. Those are the two recommendations given to the mascot committee by the public relations firm Dye Van Mol & Lawrence at Wednesday's meeting in the UC.

The Memphis-based firm, which is consulting the committee, will present samples of logos, mascots and other visual representations of the two names at the meeting to be scheduled for next month.

"My personal opinion at this point is that (the new mascot) is going to come from those two choices," said committee Co-Chair Bud Grimes, director of University Relations. "I feel there's great potential with both. I want to see the graphic representa-

tion of both before I would pick a personal favorite."

Representatives from the firm presented a complete report to the committee, outlining all the steps that were taken in the process, why some names were rejected and why they think their two recommendations will work.

The wolfpack and skyhawks both met the committee's guidelines, they said, because they are gender neutral, a symbol of strength, relative to West Tennessee and would distinctly identify UTM.

The wolfpack has great mascot potential, both live and costumed, the representatives said. Also, gray wolves are indigenous to the area, giving the name a local tie. Wolf howls could be used at sporting events, and wolf paws could be

printed on roads leading to campus, they said.

After analyzing the names of all professional and college mascots, the firm could find only five teams with similar names. The disadvantage of the wolfpack, they said, is that it is shared by nearby N.C. State.

For that and other reasons, representatives said they would lean toward the skyhawks.

Hawks are common to West Tennessee and are tenacious hunters, the representatives said. Marketing opportunities mentioned at the meeting include: use of hawk calls after each touchdown or basket and naming the arena the "Hawk's Nest."

The skyhawks would be a mythical creature based on nature and legend, they said.

"Sky Pilots" was a nickname used

by Hall-Moody College (now UTM), supposedly based on a legend of a student in the late '20s who traveled through time in his biplane, they said.

The representatives pointed out the Kansas City Jayhawk as a successful mascot based on a mythical bird. A costumed hawk wearing aviator's goggles and a flight jacket could be the skyhawk mascot, they suggested.

"I could deal with either choice," said football player Dewayne Harper, who is one of two student-athlete representatives on the committee. "I'm kind of leaning towards wolfpack because you've got so many eagles, and with the hawk you're still going to have the same sort of a bird."

"If you look over the responses that The Pacer got through its suggestion boxes, some form of hawks and some

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## Candidates for SAC executive chair being interviewed today

BRIAN HOLLAND  
Executive Editor

Ten applicants for Student Activities Council executive chair are being interviewed today, and one will be chosen for the job either Friday or Monday.

The job of the chair will be to oversee the six SAC committees and manage a \$50,000 budget.

The candidates are being reviewed and selected by a committee consisting of Richard Shoeberl, coordinator of special activities for Campus Rec; David Belote, director of Campus Rec; Phil Watkins, vice chancellor of Student Affairs; Jennifer Yant, SGA vice president; and Frank Stevenson, SGA attorney general.

"We have a very good crop of applicants here; we couldn't have asked for 10 better applicants," Shoeberl said. "A lot of them have a lot of experience with other organizations like Special Olympics, Campus Rec All-Nighter, concerts, Carn-i-Fall, SGA, RAs, BSA ... a different array of stuff."

Shoeberl said they are looking for students who have good academic

records and leadership experience and who are, preferably, upperclassmen.

"We're looking for good leadership qualities in a good overall person," he said. "We're looking for a people-person because this person will be working with a lot of people in delegation and people management."

The new chair will be flown to California Feb. 14 to attend a National Association of Campus Activities Convention in Anaheim.

The convention will showcase speaking and musical talent from all over the country and give the new chair a glimpse of how to run SAC.

"The executive chair will work as a liaison between the students on the SAC and administration," Shoeberl said.

"They will work in a leadership role over all the SAC committee heads. So, basically, this person will be over all the different committees."

The SAC consists of six committees, including the Arts & News & Views, Cafe' House, Film and Video, Recreation and Travel, Entertainment and Publicity.

## TAKING AIM



Pacer Sharpshooters Valerie Adcock, Melissa McKain and Kris Kasprzyk take their best shots during the UTM rifle team's three-day invitational last weekend. The Pacers claimed third place in both smallbore and air-rifle competition.

Photo by Lisa Barry

## THE PACER SAYS...

# New SAC head needs to keep students first

Leadership is not something that comes easy to everyone. Some people are natural leaders, and some people have leadership thrust upon them. For the new Student Activities Council executive chair, both of these will be the case.

For starters, the new chair will have to be a natural leader who stands out above the rest in the crowd of applicants being interviewed today by the SAC Board of Directors. Whoever is chosen will have to possess

the charm and charisma of a leader.

Yet, at the same time, because this committee is in its infancy, a great deal of leadership will be thrust upon whoever is selected. He or she will set the tone of the new office and will define the SAC executive chair for future SAC members.

Today, as it interviews its slate of 10 applicants, we urge the board to use the following criteria in selecting the new leader of SAC.

- The new chair must have broad, previous experience working with other events on campus so that he or she does not rely on just one segment of the student body to help plan and carry out events.

- The new chair should utilize new, original ideas, rather than depend on what has been done in the past. The student body, as a whole, is not satisfied with activities on campus. Therefore, the new chair should try different events and concerts.

- The chair should be able to communicate effectively and relate to many different kinds of people — all races, minorities and ages.

- The chair should be an upperclassman. Freshmen should be tapped for ideas and work on committees, but the leader needs to be someone who already knows a lot about the campus. Also, the new chair should know how the politics of this campus work and who the major players are. This will help the new chair when the need arises to convince a department head into co-sponsoring speakers or other academic events.

- Most of all, however, the new chair should have an attitude of concern and care for the students of UTM. What matters to students and what students want to see is what should concern the new chair — not what he or she wants.

This quality is hard to determine in people — they can't write about it on an application or express it in an interview — it has to be lived out in their actions. This is a quality that must be learned and integrated into the day-to-day grind of carrying out these duties.

Kudos to the student selected — we'll be watching.

## ISSUE

SAC board will pick its first head

## OUR COMMENT

Do not take decision lightly

## Opinion



DON'T WORRY.  
UTM KIDS WILL LOVE IT.

## You Say ...

## UTM needs WLJT-TV for education

Dear Editor,

I agree with Shane Mercer's view on PBS. However, I think that Congress should not cut funds for stations like WLJT-TV. This station is not just a source of entertainment for area residents. It is also used as a learning tool on campus. The viewing public can live without WLJT-TV, but the Communications Department can't.

Justin Gardner  
Junior  
Ag Business

## Students need to find out about SGA

Dear Editor,

At UTM we are fortunate enough to have a Student Government Association to represent and serve the students. Where would we be without SGA? Let us bring to attention some of our accomplishments — Fall Break. Without Fall Break there would be no break between the beginning of school and Thanksgiving, and Fest-i-Fall was a huge success. SGA has also helped in sponsoring entertainment, concerts and educational speakers such as Sarah Weddington. SGA holds a Cultural Diversity Week to help educate the campus.

Recently, SGA started the SAC to help with the activities around UTM. But, in order for SGA to be successful, it must have the help and devotion of its campus and students. SGA is full of hard-working, committed people who take offense when people criticize SGA without

knowing what SGA even is, not to mention what its goals are. All elections are open to the public. We encourage everyone to take advantage of SGA opportunities and get involved in your university.

Freshman Council of SGA  
Kyle Williams, president

## Students should have more say in mascot choice

Dear Editor,

The mascot of a university serves several purposes. One of them certainly is to promote the university and its athletic program. This is mostly in athletics because we would hardly hear a professor introduced at an academic forum as "the Crimson Tide professor Dr. Smith."

The groups primarily identifying themselves with a university mascot are the students and alumni. If you want the present and former students to rally around the mascot and support functions where it is predominantly displayed, you have to let students choose it.

If this university campus wants a new mascot, it should not be a Grimes-Hollis emblem crafted by Mol and Lawrence. Mr. Grimes and Mr. Hollis get paid to do the jobs they were hired for. They should stick to their "trade," which is promoting the academic community and to have winning teams in the OVC. The students, and only the students, should be involved in selecting a new mascot.

SGA, The Pacer staff, the Greeks and student organizations should be in the forefront of this historic change of a mascot. The Athletic Dept., the administration and the Pacer Club should serve in an advisory function when it comes to making the final decision but not in having a heavy hand in drawing up so-called finalists

nor making the final choice. I want to ask every student here at UTM to stand up for the right to choose a new mascot — it's your university!

Goetz Selfert  
Modern Foreign Language

## Mascot change won't really matter much to student

Dear Editor,

It could happen. It is only my opinion, but if the mascot is changed, here's what could happen.

The year is 1995. Joe Smith is a sophomore from Memphis who is majoring in Pre-Med. Eighteen years later, we see Joe at his high school reunion.

"Hi, Joe," an old friend says. "Boy, the years sure have been good to you. Did you ever finish college?"

"Yes," Joe replies, "from the University of Tennessee at Martin."

"Oh, UTM," the friend says.

"What are they, the Pacers?"

"We were," Joe said. "But we changed the name of our mascot."

"What did you change it to?" replied the friend.

"The Martin Beavers," Joe said. Much laughter from the friend, and then he says, "Joe, you really had me going. I thought you were serious. You always were the class clown."

"Hey, guys," the friend yells out. "Come listen to this good joke that Joe has. Something about changing a mascot to the Beavers. I can't tell it well; you tell it Joe. This is great."

I know what you are saying now, you are saying that we are not stupid enough to change the name to Beavers. I'm not so sure.

But put any name in. It will be the same for any name.

Burt Hooper  
Junior  
Computer Science/Biology

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# What if Norm painted now?

America. The word brings up a lot of images, doesn't it? Moms, apple pies, amber waves of grain. I never understood why the mountains were purple, but it didn't matter; I was in the Zone, right there with the songs they drilled into my mind in kindergarten.

Looking back, I'm like a lot of people, having grown up seeing portraits done by the late, great Norman Rockwell. My parents never read "The Saturday Evening Post" or anything; I just saw framed prints of his work hanging up in the doctor's office when I was getting a checkup or an allergy shot.

Life's changed a lot since Mr. Rockwell's heyday. For one thing, I'm older. I realize that running away won't solve my problems — I've still got allergies, but the world itself is different. We now live in Bizarro World, where something is seriously wrong, and the naked truth of the matter is, things just aren't like they were when Mr. Rockwell was painting kids sticking their tongues out for a doctor to look into their throats. (For one thing, unless he represented a woman or an ethnic group in the portrait, Mr. Rockwell would be labeled Politically Incorrect.)

America is not the same place. If Norman Rockwell wanted to show our America, what would he paint? We've moved from dandelion wine to crack, so you



JASON TIPPITT  
Bizarro  
Files

know it'd look a little bit different ...

My dad uses the term "Americana" to refer to a very particular type of phenomenon. To him, Americana is the feeling you get when it's 20

degrees outside, and you're driving along and look over into someone's yard just long enough to see that guy without a shirt on, the one in the overalls, walking barefooted back to his house and scratching his buttocks. Doesn't it just stir the soul to imagine framed prints of this touching scene hanging in your doctor's waiting room?

He has painted heartland scenes and the American dream, but how would he paint a media that pits both sides of the fence against each other to increase ratings. Or gay-bashing, or protesters outside an abortion clinic. How about a man killing someone to prove he's "pro-life." Or Newt Gingrich telling Mom what he thought of Hillary (if I told my mom that, she'd slap me for using such language, so I guess we don't have strong family values). What about visions of dollars dancing over the head of that woman who spilled coffee in her lap.

I'm being cynical, I know. Not everything has gone to hell in a handbasket. There's always love. I've got to wonder, though —

how the hell do you paint a picture of an e-mail romance? Would it be a map with computers on opposite ends, with little hearts on the screens, or what?

There's hope for love, but culture seems to be on the decline. He'd have to paint my cousin looking at the CDs of my ex-girlfriend's dad, then asking in all seriousness, "Who's Bach?" (pronounced 'batch'). There'd also be a heartwarming scene of a family gathered before the TV to watch "Beavis & Butt-head."

What about that family? That TV-watching scene's gotten pretty rare. My dad's not much of a TV watcher, so it's usually just Mom and me, and we don't agree on a lot of shows. (I think my mother watching "NYPD Blue" — and not complaining through the whole episode about it being "filth" — would signal the Apocalypse.) I somehow don't see the unfolding drama of the mother if the grocery store threatening to bitch-slap Junior if he doesn't quit screaming as a particularly warm-n-fuzzy tableau of our society, but there it is.

Is there anything left for us to admire here in Bizarro World? Probably. I can think of Tony's coffee and cheesesticks and raspberry-filled long johns from Daylight Donuts and Cafe' House as things worthy of canonization. What else?

Bueller? Bueller?

Tippitt is a senior English major from Camden. He probably doesn't like you either.

Here's the thing. Mike was 23, he had an MBA and he worked in Mayor Ed Koch's office in New York. It was the mid-'80s, and Mike was living a yuppie dream.

And to make things even more yuppie, Mike was offered a job working in the Reagan White House.

pulled by God and by his love of Jesus Christ to pursue a ministry through his music. Before hitting the road, he thought he had it all together. He thought he knew what he was supposed to do, but his belief in Jesus Christ forced him to do a 180 and to set a new course.

I met Mike and George this weekend at a Lutheran youth

## THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM ...

By W. Matt Meyer



He seemed to have it all. A great job, power, influential friends and the possibility of moving even higher up the political ladder on a national scale.

But, before he got any more entrenched into this lifestyle, he had an urge to do something a little crazy for a year that he had always wanted to do. So he called up his best friend, George, and the two of them began a bicycle tour of the United States to play their music — which was a combination of secular and Christian.

Along the way, life started happening to him while he was making other plans.

First, Koch was booted out of office and replaced by David Dinkins. Second, he didn't take the job in the Reagan administration, so that door was closed as well.

So, here he was — carrying a guitar on his back and pedaling a bicycle across the country — and he had to make some decisions fast. It was about this time that he finally understood what he was supposed to do with his life.

In spite of all his plans, he felt

retreat where I was a youth counselor for the kids from my church back home. I saw a lot of myself in Mike as he was describing his planned-out, perfect life and all the hopes and dreams he had for himself in the world.

I am in a situation similar to Mike, and I'm sure a lot of other graduating seniors have things lined up for themselves as well. I will have an internship at The Tennessean, a daily paper in Nashville, and then I will be going to graduate school at Ohio University. After that, many other plans come into play, like hopes to be married and have a family.

Meeting Mike this weekend, however, really put some things in perspective. As someone who lives in the world, I am molded to feel like I need to have all those plans and that I should have direction in my life. I agree with that outlook — to a point.

As a Christian, Mike showed me that I should remain open to doing what I feel Christ is calling me to do. Which may mean changing my plans, adapting them or realizing that I did make the right decision.

For instance, I am now thinking about taking a year out after grad school and joining a Christian music band through the Lutheran church. We would tour around a region of the United States and perform for churches and youth groups.

I met a lot of current members of this band, called "Captive Free," this weekend, and they really turned me on to doing that kind of service for Christ. Who knows where this decision could lead me?

However, despite personal beliefs, Mike's message is clear for everyone: No matter how much we plan in life, we should remain open to a new possibility, a shift in our paradigms or maybe even a whole new lifestyle if we feel an emptiness in our life.

Also, on a more selfish note, being out on the road would probably give me a few new things to write about. Hmmm ... W. Matt "Jack Kerouac" Meyer?

Sounds good.

Meyer is a senior Communications major from Jackson. Do not stare directly into his eyes.

## Campus Quotes

compiled by Jack D. Elliot

## What do you think about Black History Month?



“IT'S NOT LONG ENOUGH.”

Mario Ray, Sophomore



“I THINK IT'S TIME WE ALL RECOGNIZED THAT WE'RE AMERICANS, AND WE ALL NEED TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT WE'RE EQUAL.”

Terry Stansberry, Junior



“I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING. IT GIVES EVERYONE A CHANCE TO LEARN ABOUT MANY AMERICANS WHO GET OVERLOOKED A LOT.”

Kris Ngernwathana, Senior



“I THINK IT IS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT. PEOPLE DON'T SEEM TO BE WANTING TO LEARN ABOUT AFRICAN-AMERICAN CULTURE.”

Kim Brown, Junior



“I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING. EVERYBODY NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT DIFFERENT ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS HAVE CONTRIBUTED.”

Courtney King, Freshman



“I THINK IT'S GOOD TO RECOGNIZE OTHER RACIAL GROUPS, BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE ONE, WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE ALL.”

Scarlett Blackmore, Freshman

## Organizations

# UTM SAACS named outstanding chapter for 17th consecutive year

*Courtesy of University Relations*

The Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS) chapter at UTM has been named outstanding chapter for the 17th straight year for activities conducted during the 1993-94 academic year.

Only 23 of 880 chapters at colleges and universities in the United States and Puerto Rico won the outstanding rating. No other SAACS chapter in the nation has received as many outstanding ratings as the UTM SAACS.

As a result of receiving the outstanding rating, the UTM SAACS has been invited to the second annual awards reception to be held at the American Chemical Society (ACS) national meeting in Anaheim, Calif., in early April.

Every SAACS chapter is required to send an annual report of its activities, and, based on a review of those reports, certain chapters are selected by the Society Committee on Education for recognition as outstanding or commendable. The honor will be noted in Chemical & Engineering News, the society's official national news magazine, and in In Chemistry, the Student Affiliates magazine.

"It's so gratifying to see outstanding chemistry — literally and otherwise — develop amongst the SAACS members year after year," said chapter adviser Dr. S.K. Airee, who is also a professor of Chemistry. "For one-third (20 years) of my life it has been a privilege and an honor to serve as adviser to a SAACS chapter that has

SAACS) chapter, deserves special commendation. Few faculty members are willing to make the commitment of time and energy that a successful chapter requires of its adviser. It takes more than exceptional effort to be recognized as an outstanding chapter; it takes the nurturing attention of dedicated staff. Professor Airee's efforts certainly represent the best in undergraduate science education around the country."

UTM SAACS members brought several speakers to campus to talk about subjects such as atomic spectroscopy in medicine and environment, drug design and energy resources.

Members of the group also gave demonstrations to students and teachers, helped Boy Scouts earn chemistry merit badges, set up chemistry help sessions and spent more than 500 hours to plan and execute the 14th Annual Science Bowl in which more than 320 students from 23 high schools participated.

The group also received two grants from the Education Committee of the ACS that were used for an Innovative Activities Project called, "Chemistry with Silica Beads" and for a Community Interactive Student Affiliates (CISA) project.

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**S.K. AIREE**

**UTM SAACS adviser**

earned 17 outstanding ratings. SAACS members at UTM are awesome when they execute project after project with finesse."

In a letter to Chancellor Margaret Perry, Ned Heindel, president-elect of the ACS, wrote, "Professor Airee, the faculty adviser to (UTM's

## UTM seniors will experiment with phone registration this spring

**MARK DAVENPORT**  
*Production Assistant*

A new telephone registration system will debut the week of April 10, allowing UTM seniors to use it in registering for fall classes.

Only seniors will use the system to register for the fall semester, but if it works well, all UTM students will have the opportunity to use it to register for the spring semester.

UTM will rent the Voice FX system for an initial cost of \$19,000, followed by a \$12,000 annual fee after the first year. The system normally costs between \$250,000 and \$300,000 when purchased.

"UTM will be the first school in the nation to come up with the Voice FX system in the concept of renting the services," said University Registrar Emily Knudsen.

The system features 16 lines and will be accessed by dialing an 800 number from any touch-tone phone. Students will then enter their Social

Security number and a special personal identification number to be issued by the university. Next, students will enter the call numbers of the classes they want. Students will immediately be notified of any problems with their schedule, such as time conflicts or closed classes.

"Our goal is to also drop/add by telephone," Knudsen said. "Students eventually will be able to register by computer, but that's not here yet."

Because the system is automated, students will have to call another number to get assistance if problems arise.

Students who choose not to use the phone system will still be able to register the traditional way.

"Students don't like to stand in line, so one of the greatest advantages of this new system is convenience," said Knudsen. "Students won't have to be on campus to register. They can use the system from any touch tone phone."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF...

David Critchlow Jr., editor, and Scott Critchlow, general manager, of The Union City Daily Messenger will share their experiences in the field of journalism and give career tips to students today at the meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists at 4:30 p.m. in 316 Gooch. All interested students are invited to attend.

UTM Career Alumni Network offers you a way to see what's actually going on in your career field. It also offers computer-based info about your field of study and can put you in contact with UTM alumni who are presently working in your major. For more info contact the Student/Alumni Employment Information Center in 250 UC or call 587-7740.

UTM Student Nurses' Association will be hosting a guest speaker. Joseph V. Schifano, chief executive officer of the West Tennessee Regional Blood Bank, will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in 133 Gooch. The meeting is open to all, and any interested persons are urged to attend.

A Self-Defense for Women Course will be offered. The class will teach basic self-defense/rape intervention techniques and will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. March 6, 13-15, 17, 20. The class fee is \$45. The deadline for registration is Feb. 27. For more info call the Department of Public Service at 587-7082.

"Gifts From the Shelf," a workshop for writers, would-be writers, teachers of writing and readers, will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 4, in the UC. This is sponsored by Tennessee Writers Alliance and the Division of Continuing Education. For more info call the Department of Public Service at 587-7082.

Submissions are being accepted for BeanSwitch. Students, faculty and staff are invited to submit poems, essays, short stories and artwork for the 1995 issue of BeanSwitch. Four typed copies of each piece should be submitted. Your name, your campus address and phone number, your home address and classification and major (if student) or position (if staff or faculty) should be attached. Manuscripts should carry title of work only. Submissions should be placed in the mailbox marked BeanSwitch in the English Department. The deadline for entries is Feb. 15.

A Firearms Training Course will be offered by the Division of Continuing Education. Classes will be held from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 20-24 in 201 Military Science, and will be taught by NRA-certified instructors. The fee for the course will be \$150. For more info call the Department of Public Service at 587-7082.

Leadership and Goal Setting Workshop, a workshop designed to introduce the concept of goal setting as a tool for personal growth and success to help achieve one's full potential, will be held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in 222 Gooch. The fee is \$35 and will include workbooks. The registration deadline is Feb. 3. For more info call the Department of Public Service at 587-7082.

The Black Student Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 in the Humanities Auditorium. On Feb 9 and 13, the BSA will be selling Valentine candygrams, and it will be holding a bake sale in the upstairs lobby of the UC. In addition, the BSA Gospel Explosion will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 5 at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Admission is free. The Interfaith Center will be hosting the BSA Choir as part of its support and interest in Black History Month. The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in the sanctuary at the Interfaith Center.

Phi Alpha Theta, an honors history group, is accepting students who have 12 semester hours in history with at least a 3.01 GPA, minimum GPA of 3.01 in all other classes and are in the upper 35 percent of their respective class. The initiation fee is \$25. For more info, contact Dr. Lonnie E. Maness in the History Department at 7468.

Alpha Phi Omega will be holding rush at 7 p.m. Feb. 7-9. Tuesday rush will be in 343 Gooch. Wednesday will be semi-formal and will be held in 206 UC. Thursday rush will be in 201 UC. All interested parties are urged to attend. For more info contact Colleen Bonnot at 588-0278.

The Ken-Tenn Youth Orchestra rehearses and performs chamber and symphonic music appropriate to middle school and high school students who are receiving private instruction. Participating adults receive experience in orchestral performance and administration. The orchestra meets from 2-4 p.m. two Sundays a month through May 7. There is no fee to join. For more info contact the Department of Music at 587-7402.

Campus Magic Tournament — If you would be interested in participating in a campus tournament of Magic, contact Jack Elliott at 587-8491 or leave a message at the front desk of Ellington Hall.

A Student Manuscript Contest is being held by the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants. The purpose of the contest is to encourage undergraduate and graduate students majoring in Accounting at Tennessee colleges and universities to address, in writing, those issues which affect the accounting profession. For an entry form and guidelines, contact the Communications Department of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants at 1-800-762-0272.

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# It's time for UTM students to think about financial aid

JERIANNE THOMPSON  
Managing Editor

Students looking to receive financial assistance for Fall '95 should begin applying now. Because the priority date for receiving financial aid applications is March 1, students need to have applications filled out and in the mail by mid-February.

The Free Application for Student Aid, which all students seeking financial assistance must complete, must be received by the Federal Student Aid Programs in Iowa by March 1 in order for the student to be considered for campus based funds, said Bobbie McClain, financial aid counselor.

"Students (who have previously applied) should have already received a renewal application," she said. "If they have not, they need to come by our office and pick one up."

The Financial Aid office, located in 205 Administration, assesses individual students' financial assistance needs and makes awards according to federal, state and local regulations which govern these awards. The awards range from scholarships and grants, which do not have to be paid back, to subsidized and unsubsidized loans, which do have to be paid back, and work study programs, which provide on-campus jobs for students.

"There are three things that all students applying for aid should do: apply as early as possible, follow up on any correspondence regarding financial aid and go to the financial aid office whenever help is needed," said Randall Hall, executive director of student financial assistance.

Students need to be aware of all conditions of the aid they receive,

Hall said.

For example, if a student receives a subsidized loan, the federal government pays the interest on the loan as long as the student is enrolled in at least six hours of classes, McClain said. However, on unsubsidized loans, the student has the responsibility of paying the interest, which he/she may choose to defer until a later date, allowing the interest to accumulate. The current interest rate on unsubsidized loans is 7.43 percent.

With both loans, students have a six-month grace period after leaving school, whether they have graduated or simply are not enrolled, before they must begin repayment.

The financial aid office is ready to answer any questions students have, McClain said.

"Students can come in any time, other than during the lunch hour, if they need any help filling out the forms or if they have any questions," she said. "We suggest applicants go ahead and fill out the application, then come in with a copy of their tax returns. We will be happy to check over the application to see if any corrections need to be made."

"We work for the students. If they are entitled to aid, we want to see them get it. But we can't help students unless they ask us for help," Hall said.

## Undergrad enrollment down, graduate enrollment up from fall

MATT MONTGOMERY  
Associate News Editor

Spring enrollment at UTM is down 8.8 percent from the fall semester.

There were 5,627 students enrolled in the fall compared to 5,188 this spring, but the graduate student population increased from 266 to 305.

Although graduate student enrollment increased 14.7 percent from the fall and 29.79 percent from last spring, an 8.9 percent drop in undergraduate enrollment from the fall caused the overall figures to drop.

"There were an unusually high number of graduating seniors in the fall, and ... there were not as many new students (first-time freshmen and transfer students) who enrolled

in the spring," said Dr. K. Paul Jones, associate vice chancellor and director of Graduate Studies.

The increase in the number of graduate students can be attributed to two things, as well, he said.

"The number of graduate students has increased because of a new degree program in counseling, offered by the Education Department," Jones said.

"Also, the extension of graduate level courses that are now offered in Jackson."

Undergraduate enrollment is down 2.81 percent compared to spring of 1994, and total enrollment is down 1.35 percent.

More attention is paid to the fall enrollment figures, because UTM's budgets are based on these figures, Jones said.

## Campus Crime

# Students arrested in campus altercations

BRIAN HOLLAND  
Executive Editor

A UTM student was arrested Friday after UTM police reported they saw him fighting with another student in a dorm room in Atrium Hall.

According to UTM police reports, Arvis Latting, a senior Criminal Justice major from Memphis, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, vandalism and public intoxication when officers responded at 2:58 a.m. to a complaint that Latting refused to leave Kevin Olds' room when asked.

When officers were given entrance to the room, they had to break up a fight between the two men, at which time officers indicated Latting had a strong odor similar to that of an alcoholic beverage about his person, reports said.

Olds reportedly told officers Latting had come to his room asking for money to bail a mutual acquaintance out of jail.

When he refused and asked Latting to leave, Latting became verbally abusive and the two began wrestling. Olds told officers.

Olds said that during the fight, a television was knocked down and broken and that Latting hit him in the mouth. Officers indicated they observed blood coming from 'Olds' mouth.

Latting reportedly waived his Miranda rights and told officers he did refuse to leave the room and that the TV was broken during the fight.

Latting faces a Feb. 22 General Sessions Court date in Dresden.

In an unrelated report, a UTM student was arrested Sunday after an Austin Peay desk worker reported to

UTM police that he attacked another student, Dandura Franklin, in the lobby of the dorm and threw a chair, breaking a light above the desk.

According to reports, Derrick Lambert, a freshman Accounting major from Memphis, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and public intoxication by UTM police when they responded to the complaint at 8:45 p.m.

Lambert was reportedly arrested outside Franklin's room after the desk worker told the officer Lambert had grabbed the desk keys and went in that direction.

Lambert plead guilty to the charges Monday in General Sessions Court in Dresden. He was fined \$25 for each charge plus court costs, given a six-month suspended sentence and placed on a six-month supervised probation.

## Black History Month is a time to reflect on the past and face the future

**KATRINA BERRY**  
Features Editor

Throughout the month of February campus organizations will present numerous activities to commemorate the heritage and hardships of African-Americans.

These activities are open to all students regardless of race.

"Often on this campus we hear complaints about lack of activities. My goal for not only Black History Month, but the entire year, was to promote participation and positive activities on campus," said Cynthia Alexander, a junior English and Education major from Memphis who is SGA secretary of Minority Affairs.

Alexander said she has thoroughly planned meaningful and educational events throughout Black History Month. She urges students to take advantage of these SGA-sponsored activities, which are all free.

"Personally, as a child I always looked forward to Black History Month because I saw it as an opportunity to learn more about myself. I also feel, although it's only one month out of the year, there is a major history lesson for everyone to learn about the creativity, the determination and the accomplishments of African-Americans," she said.

"This is a time for us to reflect on what seemed like a hopeless past, to help us appreciate the future," Alexander said.

The Rev. Samuel Kyles will officially kick off Black History Month events. He will speak at 7 p.m. Mon-



**SOUTH AFRICA — THE DREAM CONTINUES** — The UTM Arts Council will present Athol Fugard's play "My Children, My Africa!" at 8 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Harriet Fulton Theatre.

day in the Humanities Auditorium. Kyles was one of the ministers present on the balcony when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. At the time, Kyles was serving as the president of Operation PUSH, an organization during the

Civil Rights Movement which dealt with racial conflicts, discrimination, racism and the police within the city of Memphis.

To encourage involvement in Black History Month, Alexander planned a talent show titled "A Trib-

ute to Culture" to be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in the UC Ballroom. Alexander said talent must tastefully pertain to the past or present of African-American culture. A \$100 prize will be given for first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. Contact Alexander at 587-8312 or 587-7794 for further information.

A Minority Incentive Workshop will be held from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 18 in the UC Ballroom featuring topics such as "How to be African American Men;" "How to be African American Women;" "What is Your Purpose?;" "Setting and Keeping Goals" and "Self Esteem, Self Respect and Respectable Dating."

Any interested students may attend these lectures. Pre-registration is not required.

The play "Black History Then and Now" will be performed by faculty, administration and individuals from the community at 6 p.m. Feb. 19 in the UC Ballroom.

The play was written by Deborah Boyd, who works in the Business Affairs office.

"In writing this play, I want to show how important it is to know about Black History. I want to create an enjoyable atmosphere that would be enlightening, enriching and entertaining at the same time. I want to show that it is important that neither a black nor white America would be the same today if these people had not made such accomplishments," Boyd said.

"Black America is what it is today because of the work of forefathers and foremothers who opened new paths, created new ways of seeing, saying and doing. These people have opened locked doors, created new movements, said new words and sang new songs," she said.

Inspired to write the play three years ago, Boyd said she wanted to do something to present the positive aspects of African-American history everyone could appreciate.

The play will focus on two main characters, Vira Lee Calhoun and her husband Henry Calhoun. These characters will reminisce about African-Americans such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr who have made a difference in the lives of many Americans.

Boyd said this is also an opportunity to see faculty in a new light. Gwen Reese, Glory Williams, James Philip Bright, Dr. Frank Black, Forrest Jones, Felicia Lightner, Marcella Cruze, Loretta Webb, Yolanda Lovan and Janice Davis will portray the historical roles of African-American men and women. Students also involved in this play include Barbara Tharpe, Kobie D. Boyd, Patsy Rogers and Elaine McDonald.

SGA will also present a Nelson Mandela documentary titled "One Person, One Vote, One Goal — Freedom," featuring speaker Lance Robertson, at 7 p.m. Feb. 20 in Humanities Auditorium. This presentation will focus on the struggle against apartheid and the election through the eyes of black and white South Africans.

Also, throughout February on channel 42, African-American movies including "Pinky," "School Daze," and "A Soldier's Story," can be seen.

The Black Student Association is also planning events to celebrate Black History Month.

The BSA will sponsor a Gospel Explosion at 7 p.m. Sunday at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

The BSA is also planning its annual Ebony Awards to honor African-American students on campus. Students will have the opportunity to vote for their peers in categories such as Best Dressed and Most Loquacious. The time and date for voting will be announced soon.

An important BSA meeting is scheduled Feb. 28 to discuss the importance of continuing the search to learn about the African-American heritage.

"I'm glad and thankful that the nation recognizes February as a time to remember and respect

the doings of African-Americans. However, I believe this is something that we should do throughout the year," said BSA president Donald Dyer, a junior Pre-Med major from Memphis.

"There are so many great people in our heritage that we can't learn about in a 28-day month. You should do it all the time, not just when February rolls around," he said.

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### A tribute to the courageous African-Americans who kept Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive and never lost hope

While reflecting upon the trials and triumphs of my ancestors, I was inspired to write this poem to commemorate Black History Month.

*I listen to my mother's soft voice  
Rolling, rolling like a mighty sea  
To hear the pain and heartache  
Of long ago*

*The painful stories of how it used to be*

*A history that can never be forgotten*

*Nor stored away on a dusty shelf  
For we were bound in iron cackling chains then*

*But still found pride in ourself  
Forbidden to learn to read or write*

*Forbidden to enjoy the land of opportunity*

*Until men and women — just like you and me*

*Stood up to challenge and dared to fight*

*They prayed, they sang, they*

*marched, and screamed —*

*The precious word of equality  
From a Montgomery bus seat to the entrance of a dime store*

*The fight was led — a never ending battle it seemed*

*Some voices you can hear no more  
After the suffering, the tribulations, and the bloodshed*

*But the bittersweet struggle does not end in vain*

*For they never lost sight of God and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s precious sayin'*

*Courageous, powerful words that moved a nation*

*It was a turning point in American history*

*From the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights final duration*

*Black men and women were now finally free ... free*

*So we thank you, each man and woman who dared to dream ... who*

*dared to fight*

Black History Month is a tribute to those who never stopped seeing the light.

Black History Month is a reflection of our roots. The plight of the African-American race can never be forgotten.

Our history is a painful reminder of slavery and inequality, but our history will also unfold a rich heritage of African-Americans who gave their dying breath to help shape America as it is today. Their presence is reflected in every aspect of our lives, which is why Black History Month should be celebrated by all Americans.



**KATRINA BERRY**  
Features Editor

## After Class

## REFLECTIONS: Students ponder Black History Month

From Page 6...

Some students feel the need to continue studying African-American history throughout the year such as Korrickia Anderson, a senior Nursing major from Memphis.

"The knowledge of the African American history is seriously vital to

the upliftment of black people. It's not just a month because we do not have a limit to learning the knowledge of self, of who we are as African-American people," she said.

"It's decades of history — 400 years plus of history we have to learn, and it's going to take more than a

month," she said.

Other students also stress the importance of celebrating Black History Month, such as Dykiesha Lee, a freshman Pre-Optometry major from Ripley, who said "Black History Month represents a time of celebration of great African-American achievements and triumphs over adversity.

"Black History Month plays an integral part in cultivating interest in the African-American struggle as well as promoting the ideals of tolerance, peace and brotherly love set forth by great African-American men and women."

"Black History Month is important because this is the time to bring our African-American people together as one, to better unite ourselves with our heritage and for us to understand our ancestors so we can better understand ourselves," said Deadra Stubblefield, a sophomore Communications major from Paris.

Other students strive to make a difference such as Richard Stewart, a freshman Voice Performance major from Dickson, Tenn.

"My goal is not to change people to become liberals, but to make a little more open-minded about us, as human beings," he said.

## Panhellenic seeks talent for show; AKA holds rush

## AKA Rush

Alpha Kappa Alpha will hold their rush meeting at 8 p.m.

Sunday in 206 UC. Please bring a one page letter of interest, an official transcript with a raised

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## Panhellenic Talent Show

Panhellenic sororities are uniting to sponsor the 1995 Panhellenic Talent Show at 7 p.m. Feb. 7, in the UC Ballroom.

All UTM students and faculty are eligible to enter the talent show. Entry fees are \$10 and applications are located in the Panhellenic office in 267 UC.

Door prizes will be given away.

as well as \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place, in addition to plaques.

Admission is \$2 and all proceeds will be donated to Habitat For Humanity. For additional information, contact Dawn Todd, coordinator of the talent show, at 587-9748 or the Panhellenic Office 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 587-7765.

"I would really like to encourage people to enter the talent show because it will benefit Habitat For Humanity, which will serve the whole county," Todd said.

## ZΦΒΣ Program

Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma will host "Who's Who Among Greeks, Athletes and Academics" on Feb. 21.

Each fraternity and sorority needs to choose one outstanding member to be recognized for their organization. Athletes should also choose an individual of their particular sport for recognition.

Anyone who wishes to participate should contact Teresa Jones-Guarian at 587-9702 or Stephanie Lockett at 587-8281. Nominations should be turned in by Feb. 17 to a member of ZΦΒΣ.

## Black History Month Events

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| February 5  | BSA Gospel Explosion — 7 p.m., Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church                               |
| February 6  | Rev. Samuel Kyles — 7 p.m., Humanities Aud.  |
| February 9  | "My Children! My Africa!" — 8 p.m., Harriet Fulton Aud.  |
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| February 28 | BSA meeting — Time and place to be announced   |

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## MASCOT: Firm narrows down two choices

### From the cover...

sort of wolves came up several times," Grimes said. "I think we're going to be successful with what we've seen so far."

The committee has not yet limited itself to those two choices, Grimes said, and no decisions can be made without the approval of Chancellor Margaret Perry.

Some students have expressed concern that there is not enough student input in the process.

"We had talked about the possibility of (students) rating the choices, but I don't know right now if we'll do anything like that," Grimes said.

The representatives also explained why certain choices were not recommended. Initially, they said five nicknames were considered but subsequently rejected for the following reasons:

- **Broncos** — because it's a common nickname and because the equine theme is too similar to nearby Murray State Racers.

- **Mavericks** — because there are several other NCAA schools with that nickname, including the University of Texas at Arlington, and having two UT schools with the same nickname could be confusing. It is also similar to the Murray State Racer because it is often perceived as a horse, and it has an "outlaw connotation."

- **Marauders** — because it is shared by many small schools throughout the country, including McKenzie College in Chattanooga.

### To Learn More

• Grimes will be on 90.3 WUTM at 3:30 p.m. Friday to talk about the mascot change and respond to listener's calls.

Also, it is viewed as similar to a Raider, which is MTSU's nickname, and because it's viewed by some as having KKK connotations.

- **Bloodhounds** — because many nearby schools have dog or hound mascots, including MTSU and Smoky at UTK.

- **Quakes** — because people tend to associate the New Madrid fault more with Missouri. Also, it is difficult to personify in a mascot, and teams would likely be tagged the Quakers.

In addition, the firm considered the possibility of keeping the old Pacer name.

They discarded with this suggestion because there are so many equine-influenced nicknames and because of its history of poor execution.

The firm also recommended changes in the university's color scheme. Representatives suggested UTM should standardize the use of a royal blue as the school's primary color. Orange, they said, should be used as a secondary color — never to surpass royal blue — and white should be used as either a secondary color or trim.

The committee's goal is to have the changes ready to go into effect by May.

The meeting was conducted despite the absence of two representatives from the Alumni Council and SGA President Cherie Gillespie and Vice President Jennifer Yant, who expressed concern that they were not advised beforehand of the meeting time.

She understood that the meeting time was tentative after the last meeting Jan. 17, Gillespie said, and no one from SGA was informed of meeting until Wednesday, when it was too late to find an available representative.

However, Grimes said it was his understanding the meeting time and place was established at the Jan. 17 meeting.

## No Miss UTM Pageant, canned for lack of interest

MICHELLE SKELTON  
Staff Writer

There will be no Miss UTM Pageant this year because of a lack of interest on the part of students.

For the first time in more than 30 years women will not have the opportunity to participate in this preliminary to the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

"We are not unhappy with the Miss UTM Pageant, but students have not expressed enough interest in it," said Dr. Phillip Watkins, vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

Last year, there were only five participants in the pageant, and Miss Tennessee Pageant rules require that any preliminary to the Miss Tennessee Pageant have no fewer than five participants.

Watkins said that over the years interest in the pageant has declined, and it no longer meets the needs of the students. If enough interest were generated in the pageant, the administration and SGA would be willing to sponsor it.

Watkins cited the expense to the contestant as a possible reason for the decline in interest.

## BeanSwitch accepts submissions

JACK D. ELLIOTT  
Staff Writer

BeanSwitch, UTM's literary magazine, is accepting submissions of literature and art until Feb. 15.

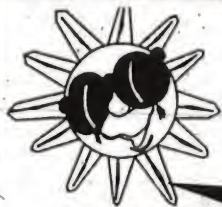
The magazine, a product of the English Department, accepts submissions of poetry, essays, short stories, black and white photos and line drawings from students, faculty and staff.

These will be judged by the four student editors: Ivan Esteves, Jessica

Larsen, Jason Tippitt and Laura Caton.

"We ask that four copies of each piece be submitted. Those will be distributed among the editors. Whatever gets majority approval goes in," Esteves said.

The magazine should be on sale shortly after spring break. "The magazine cost \$2 last year. The money goes toward covering the cost of printing," said Margrethe Ahlschwede, assistant professor of English and BeanSwitch adviser.



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## Card game 'casting spell' on students

*Players trying to organize campus tournament*

**DON HAWK**  
Staff Writer

This game is spreading like magic. Magic is a fantasy card game played across the United States and in parts of Europe and Asia.

During the last two years, it has developed quite a large following at UTM.

In fact, students can almost always be found playing the game in Ellington Hall lobby, and students are trying to organize a campus-wide tournament.

The cards are collectible, with some cards having great value, whether it be monetary value or game advantage value to the player, said Jack Elliott, a sophomore Communications major from Lexington, Tenn., who is an avid player.

In the game, the cards represent creatures and spells whose power depends on the value of the card. Each player, or wizard, as they are called in the game, starts the game with 20 points.

The object of the game is to eliminate all other players by reducing each one's points to zero.



**MAGIC PLAYERS** — (Clockwise from left) David Rainey, Jeremy Slavings, Tracey Poindexter and Melissa Cheran concentrate intently on the cards before them.

Photo by Brian Holland

"It's a good way to spend your time. It's fun getting to annihilate your opponent," said David Rainey, another student who frequently plays the game. Rainey is a graduate student in Business from Franklin, Tenn.

This game is played by students as well as faculty members, such as David Ray, Math and Computer Science Department instructor.

"I like (Magic) because it's a strategic game and a collectible game," Ray said. "I also like the artwork on the cards."

Elliott agreed.

"I love (Magic)," Elliott said. "I

love the individuality of the game. No two games are the same."

But there is an addictive aspect of the game, Elliott said, an aspect which has literally driven people to fights, especially when trading or buying cards.

"I didn't want any part of it (at first)," Elliott said.

Elliott and his roommate, David Dawen, are hoping to start a campus Magic tournament. Anyone interested should contact them at 587-8491. Entry fees, which cover room charges and prizes, will depend on the number of interested participants.

## Student Health Center offers tips to students for enduring flu season

**SYLVIA ROWE**  
Staff Writer

It's that runny nose, high fever time of year once again, and students are feeling the full effects of the flu season.

However, Kay Howard, nurse educator at the Student Health Center, said they are not seeing as many students with the flu this year as they

did last year. "But the flu that we are seeing is very contagious," she said.

For students who did not get a flu shot when they were available in October, the best preventive measure that the Student Health Center offers echoes what so many mothers tell their children: Keep your hands very clean.

"The incubation time of the flu is two weeks," Howard said, "but at that time the person is still contagious."

"They sneeze into their hand or wipe their nose, and then touch a doorknob. Along comes another person and touches the doorknob, and the flu is spread."

Along with keeping your hands clean, Howard stressed that other preventive measures include staying away from people with the flu, eating healthy foods and getting enough sleep.

**“Now is not a good time to stretch yourself to the max.”**

**KAY HOWARD**  
**Student Health Center**

"Now is not a good time to stretch yourself to the max," Howard said.

If you are unfortunate enough to succumb to the flu, the

best advice from the Student Health Center is to "just crash."

A prescription medicine called Flumidine can help relieve symptoms, but while that and over-the-counter medicines, such as Tylenol or Advil, may relieve symptoms, nothing but time can cure the flu.

What do you think of the suggestions for the new mascot? Write a letter to the editor and tell us your opinion. Send your letter through campus mail to

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## Sharp second-half shooting gives Pacers comeback win over MTSU

ANDRE' JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

The Pacers sent a message to future opponents who visit Elam Center. Just because you may lead at the half, doesn't mean that you will leave Martin with the victory.

Middle Tennessee State University certainly got the message Monday night.

After leading by nine at the break, UTM came from behind to capture the win over the Blue Raiders, 76-69.

"After we've experienced so many heartbreaking defeats, it feels so good to get a win," UTM coach Cal Luther said. "We don't have the athletic ability of some other teams, but we're definitely playing as a team."

UTM scored on its first two possessions, but MTSU answered big as the Blue Raiders ran off 14 unanswered points to take a 14-4 lead. MTSU held its biggest lead midway through the first half, 27-11, and this appeared to be the turning point of

the game.

But Michael Hart, UTM's leading scorer, kept the Pacers in the thick of things with an impressive offensive performance in the paint, scoring nine points in the first half.

UTM would cut MTSU's lead to single digits at the break, 35-26.

The second half was the turning point of this contest for UTM as the Pacers, behind Hart's sharp shooting, scored four quick points to cut MTSU's lead to 35-30.

MTSU answered the run and increased its lead back into double digits, 41-30, off David Washington's dunk from the baseline, which even drew applause from some of the UTM fans.

UTM produced another run, this time cutting the Blue Raiders' lead to 43-41 with 11:30 remaining, on DeMarko Wright's three-pointer.

Wright, who was unstoppable in the second half, nailed six of six three-pointers attempted, and finished the game with 20 points.

With 10:04 remaining, another

Wright three-pointer put UTM in the lead for the first time since early in the game, 51-49.

The Pacers never trailed again as Wright's shooting protected UTM's lead.

MTSU drew within one point late in the game, but UTM hit clutch free throws to put the game out of reach.

"DeMarko (Wright) really had the hot hand for us tonight, and I'm proud to say that my guys executed over and over in the second half," Luther said. "I'm impressed with the way we stuck in the game to win over such a strong MTSU squad."

Middle Tennessee State was led by Torrey Moor, who finished the game with 20 points.

MTSU fell below .500 at 8-9 on the season, and 3-6 in OVC play.

UTM improved to 4-14 on the year and 2-6 in OVC play, and welcomes a tough Eastern Illinois squad to Elam Center tonight.

Eastern Illinois beat the Pacers soundly, 75-52, in their December meeting. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

## Lady Pacers continue to fall to Lady Raiders

ANDRE' JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

The UTM Lady Pacers continued their losing streak against MTSU Monday, losing a 50-40 halftime lead to drop their 23rd contest against the Lady Raiders.

MTSU, led by junior guard Heather Prater with a game high 28 points, came back to score 55 points in the second half as it downed the Lady Pacers, 95-89.

MTSU now leads UTM 23-0 in the series.

"I really don't know how we lost this one," said UTM sophomore forward Dawn Limbaugh, who contributed six points in the Lady Pacers' loss.

Four Lady Raiders scored in double figures as MTSU improved its record to 12-6 on the year and 7-2 in OVC play.

UTM dropped to 7-9 overall and 2-6 in conference play despite Tara Tansil's 20-point effort.

The Lady Pacers will try to rebound from a December loss to the University of Memphis tonight as they take on the Lady Tigers at Lady Pacer Field House. Tipoff is at 5:30.

## Rifle team gets third in invitational

Courtesy University Relations

The UTM rifle team claim third-place in both categories of its own UTM invitational last weekend.

The three-day event included some of the nation's top collegiate teams.

The Pacer shooters trailed both third-ranked Alaska-Fairbanks and 10th-ranked Jacksonville State in the smallbore and air rifle. UAF won the smallbore with a 4,608 and the air rifle with a 1,540. Jackson State shot a 4,603 in the smallbore and 1,497 in the air rifle. UTM shot a 4,603 and 1,489.

The Pacers defeated 10th-ranked Murray State in the smallbore. MSU shot a 4,420, but did not compete in the air rifle portion.

Other scores in the smallbore were

Southwest Missouri 4,178, Morehead State women 4,110, and Morehead State men 4,033.

Other air rifle scores included Memphis 1,441, Mercer 1,420, St. Louis 1,351, Austin Peay 1,334, and Alabama-Birmingham 1,251.

UTM was led by Travis Kasner's 1,142 in the smallbore, which was good for 10th overall. Kris Kasprzyk and Melissa McKain each shot an 1,122 to finish for a tie for 15th. Valerie Adecock shot an 1,117, which was good for 17th.

Adecock shot 379 in air rifle to finish sixth. Kasner was ninth with a 376. McKain 12th at 370, and Kasprzyk 15th at 364. Stuart Johnson's 357 was 23rd in the field of 51.

**WHAT A WIN!**-- UTM's B.J. Nelson drives the baseline on MTSU defender Shawn Driskill. The Pacers overcame a nine-point halftime deficit to beat the Blue Raiders, 76-69. **University Relations**

## Lady Pacers beat Morehead, lose at EKU

ANDRE' JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

Unlike the men's basketball team, the UTM women's basketball team had something to cheer about after winning one of two games on its "Death Valley" tour at Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

The Lady Pacers, behind an impressive 22-point effort from junior college transfer Chandra Cordova, took charge in the second half after trailing Morehead State by one point to hand the Lady Eagles an 83-78 defeat last Thursday night.

The Lady Pacers had strong contributions from players off the bench, as sophomore Dawn Limbaugh had seven points in 15 minutes of action.

Tara Tansil, the team's leading scorer, finished the game with 21 points, and Julianne Coleman added 12 as three Lady Pacers reached double figures.

Both clubs shot 38 percent in the first half as MSU led the Lady Pacers 35-34 at the break.

The second half was also even as both teams shot 41 percent. Despite

Morehead State shooting as well as UTM for the game, Cordova was unstoppable as she drove the lane to score on many occasions.

UTM led by as many as eight points late in the game, and they held on to even their record at 2-2 for the past two weeks.

Cordova, who was OVC Newcomer of the Week, also dished out six assists in just 26 minutes of action against MSU.

On Saturday, the Lady Pacers appeared to have the contest against Eastern Kentucky under their belt leading by five points with 34 seconds remaining. However, the Lady Colonels took advantage of some costly mistakes by UTM down the stretch as they connected on 5 of 6 free throws to beat the Lady Pacers, 78-76.

The UTM Lady Pacers had a chance in this contest after it rallied from a ten-point halftime deficit to lead by five points with 34 seconds remaining.

However, UTM received a knock-  
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### UTM HOOP SPOTLIGHTS

	Men's	Women's
<b>Records:</b>	4-14, 2-6 (OVC)	7-9, 2-6 (OVC)
<b>Last Game:</b>	76-69 vs. MTSU (W)	95-89 vs. MTSU (L)
<b>Next Game:</b>	Tonight vs. EKU	Tonight vs. Memphis
<b>Leading Scorers:</b>	Hart: 17.3ppg	Tansil: 15.3ppg
<b>Pacers of The Week:</b>	D. Powell, M. Hart	C. Cordova

Powell scored 23 pts. vs. EKU, and Hart scored 32 pts. vs. MTSU. Cordova scored 22 pts. in win at Morehead State.

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## Strong three-point shooting helps Eastern defeat Pacers

ANDRE' JOHNSON  
Sports Editor

After losing handily at Morehead State last Thursday night, things got even worse for UTM Saturday as the Eastern Kentucky Colonels trounced the Pacers, 92-78, at Richmond, Ky. Eastern Kentucky (3-14, 2-6) coming off an upset victory at Tennessee Tech Saturday, captured its second consecutive conference win of the year against the Pacers.

The Colonels led the entire game and shot 53 percent in the first half. Once again, UTM shot better than its opponent at 55 percent, but ECU, which converted four of four free throws and an impressive seven of 12 three-pointers in the first half, kept

its poise and still led UTM, 50-41, at the break.

UTM shot a blistering 68 percent in the second half of this contest, but despite ECU shooting only 43 percent, its three-point shooting was a factor as the Colonels connected for six of 15 three-pointers for a total of 13 of 27 attempts for the game.

Eastern Kentucky protected its lead and answered every UTM run as the Colonels outscored the Pacers, 41-38, in the second half.

Eastern Kentucky held on to capture the victory over UTM.

Once again, UTM was led by its season-leading scorer, Michael Hart, who finished the contest with 25 points. DeWayne Powell scored 23 points.

## LADY PACERS: Win one, lose one

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out blow from the Lady Colonels losing a heartbreaker, 78-76.

The Lady Pacers rallied to take the lead in the second half after trailing by as much as 10 points, but Eastern Kentucky got the edge late in the second half.

With 34 seconds left and leading 76-71, the Lady Pacers committed costly turnovers, and ECU, behind Kim Mays' remarkable 39-point effort, took advantage to win in a thriller, 78-76.

Both teams shot more than 50 percent for the game.

Senior guard Tara Tansil played the entire game and led UTM with 15 points.

Tansil continues to chase UTM's all-time scorer Mary Kate Long. After passing Pat Summitt on Jan. 16, and with her points in the MTSU game, she now needs only 261 points to break Long's record.

Chandra Cordova and Katina Jones each added 11 points for the Lady Pacers.

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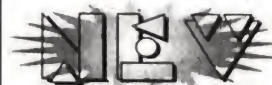
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